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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1698**

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**Introduced by Senator Ashburn**

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend ~~Section 13998.10~~ *Sections 13998.5 and 13998.10* of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1698, as amended, Ashburn. Military and aerospace enterprise development.

Existing law, until January 1, 2007, establishes the Office of Military and Aerospace Support in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, and sets forth its duties and authority with respect to developing and recommending to the Governor and the Legislature a strategic plan for state and local defense retention and conversion.

*This bill would additionally require the office to conduct outreach to entities and parties involved in the aerospace industry and associated basic and applied research, and to provide a specified network designed to, among other things, increase aerospace enterprise in California.*

This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 13998.5 of the Government Code is  
2     amended to read:

3     13998.5. The Office of Military and Aerospace Support shall  
4     do all of the following:

5     (a) Develop and recommend to the Governor and the  
6     Legislature a strategic plan for state and local defense retention  
7     and conversion efforts. The plan shall address the state's role in  
8     assisting communities with potential base closures and those  
9     impacted by previous closures. The office may coordinate with  
10    other state agencies, local groups, and interested organizations on  
11    this strategic plan to retain current Department of Defense  
12    installations, facilities, bases, and related civilian activities.

13    (b) Conduct outreach to entities and parties involved in  
14    defense retention and conversion across the state and provide a  
15    network to facilitate assistance and coordination for all defense  
16    retention and conversion activities within the state.

17    (c) Help develop and coordinate state retention advocacy  
18    efforts on the federal level.

19    (d) (1) Conduct an evaluation of existing state retention and  
20    conversion programs and provide the Legislature  
21    recommendations on the continuation of existing programs,  
22    including, but not limited to, the possible elimination or  
23    alteration of those programs. This evaluation shall be transmitted  
24    to the Legislature.

25    (2) The office may provide recommendations to the  
26    Legislature on the necessity of new programs for defense  
27    retention and adequate funding levels.

28    (e) Utilize and update the plan prepared by the Defense  
29    Conversion Council as it existed on December 31, 1998, to  
30    minimize California's loss of bases and jobs in future rounds of  
31    base closures. This plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of  
32    the following:

33       (1) Identification of major installations in California.

34       (2) Determination of how best to defend existing bases and  
35    base employment in this state.

36       (3) Coordination of retention activities with communities that  
37    may face base closures.

38       (4) Development of data and analyses on bases in this state.

1 (5) Coordination with the congressional delegation, the  
2 Legislature, and the Governor. With the consent of the  
3 appropriate authority, the office may temporarily borrow  
4 technical, policy, and administrative staff from other state  
5 agencies, including the Legislature.

6 (f) Serve as the primary state liaison with the Department of  
7 Defense and its installations in this state. In order to maximize  
8 the mission use of the installations, the Office of Military and  
9 Aerospace Support shall assist in resolving any disputes or issues  
10 between the Department of Defense and state entities.

11 (g) Review actions or programs by state agencies that may  
12 affect or impact Department of Defense installations or the  
13 state's military base retention and reuse activities and  
14 recommend to the Governor and the Legislature actions that may  
15 be taken to resolve or prevent similar problems in the future.

16 (h) *Conduct outreach to entities and parties involved in the*  
17 *aerospace industry and associated basic and applied research,*  
18 *and provide a network to facilitate assistance and coordination*  
19 *for activities designed to promote, foster, and increase aerospace*  
20 *enterprise in California pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section*  
21 *13999.2.*

22 ~~(h)~~  
23 (i) Where funds and resources are available, the office may  
24 undertake all of the following activities:

25 (1) Provide a central clearinghouse for all base retention or  
26 conversion assistance activities, including, but not limited to,  
27 employee training programs and regulation review and permit  
28 streamlining.

29 (2) Provide technical assistance to communities with potential  
30 or existing base closure activities.

31 (3) Provide a central clearinghouse for all defense retention  
32 and conversion funding, regulations, and application procedures  
33 for federal or state grants.

34 (4) Serve as a central clearinghouse for input and information,  
35 including needs, issues, and recommendations from businesses,  
36 industry representatives, labor, local government, and  
37 communities relative to retention and conversion efforts.

38 (5) Identify available state and federal resources to assist  
39 businesses, workers, communities, and educational institutions  
40 that may have a stake in retention and conversion activities.

1 (6) Provide one-stop coordination, maintain and disseminate  
2 information, standardize state endorsement procedures, and  
3 develop fast-track review procedures for proposals seeking state  
4 funds to match federal defense conversion funding programs.

5 (7) Maintain and establish databases in such fields as  
6 defense-related companies, industry organization proposals for  
7 the state and federal defense industry, community assistance,  
8 training, and base retention, and provide electronic access to the  
9 databases.

10 ~~SECTION 4.~~

11 *SEC. 2.* Section 13998.10 of the Government Code is  
12 amended to read:

13 13998.10. This chapter shall remain in effect only until  
14 January 1, 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later  
15 enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or  
16 extends that date.